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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 3 and 7. The drawing amendments are discussed in the Remarks section below.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application, for properly withdrawing the previous rejection, for allowing Claims 7-11, 13, 14, 16-18, 20-22, 25-27, 29, 30, 32, and 33, and for identifying allowable subject matter in Claims 15, 23, 24, and 31. Claims 15, 23, 24, and 31 have been amended to correct minor informalities as helpfully pointed out by the Examiner. Claims 12, 19, 28, and 34 have been cancelled.

The blocks in FIGS. 1, 2, and 5-7 were amended to include descriptive labels on August 10, 2000 by an Amendment entitled "Submission Of Proposed Modifications To Drawings", and therefore the 37 CFR 1.84(n) and 1.84(o) drawing rejection should be withdrawn. FIG. 3 has been amended to include a connection point between "BK" and "CK" of the FF3 flip-flop. In addition, the reference character "8" of FIG. 7 has been changed to the reference character "13" as helpfully pointed out by the Examiner.

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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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